

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the referenced paragraphs in the specification as indicated below.

Please amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

Next, the third embodiment of the present invention will be explained with reference to Fig. 3.

In a dielectric discharge lamp 13 of the present embodiment, core wires 41A, 46A of lead wires 41, 46 are connected with external electrodes 21, 26 by ultrasonic soldering 51, 56. The structure of a tubular glass lamp vessel 10 is similar to the one in the first embodiment.